


## Sustainable Food Purchases

Centurion University actively prioritizes procurement from local and sustainable sources, reinforcing its institutional commitment to inclusive rural development, environmental stewardship, and community empowerment. In 2024, nearly 18–22% of fresh produce requirements (vegetables, fruits, grains, and pulses) for hostels and canteens amounting to an estimated 24–26 tons annually were procured directly from local farmers and 38 active Self-Help Groups (SHGs) trained under its sustainable farming initiatives. A large share of this produce originated from adopted villages and OLM/Integrated Farming Systems beneficiaries, ensuring fair market linkages and increased household incomes for smallholders.

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**Local Farmers and SHGs**



honey, mushrooms, processed millets, jaggery, and pickles, primarily from women-led SHGs created through university-led capacity-building programmes. Campus demand for biofertilizers, biopesticides, and seedlings was met substantially about 80% of total use from in-house production at the Plant Pathology Lab, Organic Farming Unit, and campus nurseries, reducing external dependency while supporting internal sustainability.

Beyond agriculture, Centurion University sources handwoven textiles, handicrafts, eco-friendly paper products, and wood crafts from more than 120 local artisans and trainees of the JC Kumarappa Rural Technology Park. Participants from courses in paper cup making, weaving, and wood crafting regularly supply their products to the university, contributing to a localized value chain that strengthens livelihoods. Overall, Centurion University's procurement strategy integrates local farmers, SHGs, and artisans into institutional supply chains, demonstrating measurable outcomes in income generation, women's empowerment, and sustainable resource use.



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